

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A mail delivery system, comprising  
a series of mail holding devices each comprising a pair of flexible side walls, a bottom uniting the side walls along mutually superposed edges thereof, and an open top, the mail holding devices being disposed side by side such that open tops face a common direction and form a row;  
one or more mail pieces placed in each mail holding device; [and]  
a container that holds the series of mail holding devices with mail placed therein; and  
a frame in the container from which the mail holding devices hang in an upwardly opening position.

22. (Previously Presented) The mail delivery system of claim 21 wherein the mail holding devices comprise bags.

23. (Currently Amended) The mail delivery system of claim 21 wherein the container comprises a tub in which the frame and a series of mail holding devices are disposed with the open tops facing upwardly.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) The mail delivery system of claim 22 wherein a series of flexible walled bags are disposed side by side in the container such that mouths of the bags face upwardly and form a row.

26. (Currently Amended) The mail delivery system of claim 23, ~~further comprising a frame is sized to fit in the tub;~~ the frame further including:

a pair of side rails;

a plurality of pairs of dividers supported by the side rails; and

a plurality of the mail holding devices positioned between adjacent pairs of the dividers.

27. (Previously Presented) The mail delivery system of claim 26 wherein each of the mail holding devices comprise bags.

28. (Previously Presented) The mail delivery system of claim 21 wherein the mail holding devices comprise pockets of a multibag.

29. (Previously Presented) The mail delivery system of Claim 28, wherein the container comprises a tub in which the multibag is placed so that the pockets of the multibag open upwardly.

30. - 34. (canceled)

35. (New) The mail delivery system of claim 21 wherein the mail pieces are disposed in the mail holding devices in an order according to a sortation scheme.

36. (New) The mail delivery system of claim 21 wherein the container has an open top.